In both England and France, the under-18 pregnancy rate has declined, according to information received from UNAIDS.

(b) The Goverment conducts the Adolescence Education Programme to build life skills of school going children/youth to delay the onset of sexual activity.

The Government does not supply condoms to minor children. These condoms are distributed among high risk population and HIV positive persons to prevent further spread of AIDS. Condoms as a birth control measure is provided among married couples.

(c) The quesion does not arise.

Health Research Commission

3270. DR. K. KASTURIRANGAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Health Research Commission on the lines of the Space and Atomic Energy Commission as an apex body to define policies related to health research including long term vision and missions, budgetary support and policies related to public-private partnership and international cooperation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) At present there is no proposal to set up a Health Research Commission. However, the Government has envisaged to set up a new Department to oversee the health research activities in the country.

Anaemia in married women

3271. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the deteriorating public health in the country over the past seven years, and around 56.2 per cent married women are anaemic;